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Thursday, February 22, 2001

Post Office/Sunrise Deal Tops Actions at City Council Meeting

by Betsy Likowski

In a surprise action, the Greenbelt City Council connected assistance in getting a new post office site with the acquisition of parkland in Greenbelt East. At its Monday, February 12 regular council meeting, council agreed to sign an agreement with Peterson Companies about two parcels of land it owns. The city will acquire the ten acre Sunrise property and will move to condemn the parcel of land at the corner of Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive so a post office could be built on that parcel.

Council also discussed the lease agreement for artist studios in the Community Center and various housekeeping items.

Post Office

Council moved quickly with almost no discussion on the issue of a post office in Greenbelt East. About the only discussion on the issue was an explanation by the city attorney Robert Manzi. Council then approved a memorandum of understanding with property owners the Peterson Companies and authorized condemnation procedures to begin.

Council has long sought a postal facility in Greenbelt East. The Peterson Companies are willing to have a post office built on the property and has a contract with the postal service.

A former owner of the property unilaterally placed a covenant on the parcel limiting development to an office building. Earlier the city, postal service, and the current owner tried to remove the restriction in court.

The city will now start condemnation proceedings to acquire the parcel. This will involve a jury trial. As of February 20, the city had yet to begin action on the matter.

Also as part of the agreement, the city will be reimbursed \$100,000 for a traffic light that was installed at the intersection of Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive and up to \$10,000 in legal costs.

Sunrise

In the other part of the deal council agreed to purchase the Sunrise property. The agreement calls for the city to purchase the Sunrise property after the condemnation issue on the other parcel of land is completed. The purchase price agreed to is \$624,000. This price tag is lower than a recent appraisal done for the city. Sunrise is located between the Capital Beltway, the Holiday Inn, Greenway Village, and the dog park. This ten acre parcel of land will become city parkland.

There is a history of development proposals for Sunrise. The city had raised objections to each of them because of the impact on the surrounding neighborhoods, such as increased traffic.

In the late 1980's a six building complex containing 470 apartment units was proposed. Then a two-tower, 11-story high rise complex with 657 apartment units was proposed. The zoning of the land was changed in 1990, calling for less dense development on the site. In 1995 two four-story apartment buildings were proposed consisting of 118 units for seniors and 116 two-bedroom units.

Studio Rental

The Department of Recreation has slightly changed the guidelines for the Artist in Residence Program, which is the rental of rooms as artist studios in the Community Center. Since the department had planned to announce in late February a call for those interested in studio space in fiscal year 2002, it was requested that at this meeting the city council approve the revised guidelines. Councilmember Thomas White asked that interested groups, such as the Arts Advisory Board, be given more time to review the changes, so council action was postponed until a later meeting.

Changes include using the studio space at least 30 hours a month, undertaking one creative community service project a year in conjunction with special events sponsored by the Department of Recreation such as the Labor Day Festival, and expanding eligibility to all residents of Maryland.

Miscellaneous

The police substation will continue to be in the Windsor Green Community Center. The

See POST OFFICE, page 9

Councilmembers to Recall Their Role in History

by Kevin Hammett

This Saturday, February 24, at 2 p.m., in the Community Center, Greenbelt will be hosting the first Chautauqua of 2001. This Council Members Chautauqua will feature speakers from councils past and present. The guest speakers will include Robert T. Bonham, served 1949-1951; Steve L. Comings, served 1949-1953; Robert Hurst, served 1953-1957; Alan Kistler, served 1955-1961 (mayor 1959-1961); Bruce L. Bowman, served 1959-1961; Richard Castaldi, served 1973-1983 (mayor 1981-1983); Robert C. Zugby, served 1981-1983; Antoinette Bram, served 1983-1997 (mayor 1993-1997); Rodney Roberts, served 1991-; and Alan Turnbull, served 1997 -..

Greenbelt was the first city in the state of Maryland to have a council/manager form of government. Over the past six decades, at the Greenbelt Community the city has experienced much change. This Chautauqua will call 301-397-2208.

focus on the issues that shaped our city over the decades as recalled by the council members. The discussion will be moderated by former city manager James K. Giese, served 1962 -1991. A reception will follow.

Greenbelt was designated a White House Millennium Community in 2000. At the start of this new millennium, the city is encouraging its citizens to become reacquainted with their city. During 2001, the city will be sponsoring 10 "passport events" throughout Greenbelt. The Council Members Chautauqua is the second passport event of 2001. There are also four "passport sites" in Greenbelt that can be visited at any time during the year. Millennium Passports were distributed at Greenbelt New Year 2001, and are currently available Center. For more information

Beauchamp Authors Entry In Roosevelt Encyclopedia

by Dorothy Sucher

"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face... You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

These words by Eleanor Roosevelt may lack the pithiness of her husband's, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself," but they do convey the weight of her own hard-won experience. The wife of Franklin Delano Roosevelt lost her parents at an early age, was painfully gawky, plain, and shy and endured an unfaithful spouse and a tyrannical mother-in-law who lived next door. She bore a large brood of children, though she hadn't much talent for motherhood.

Roosevelt also became one of the most famous women in the world, not just because she was America's First Lady longer than anyone else (FDR was elected President four times), but because of her own achievements as diplomat, journalist, political activist, educator, and crusader for human rights. In her day she was as much of a lightning rod for passionate opinions, pro and con, as Hillary Rodham Clinton is today. To Republicans she was anathema, as was her husband, but, when I was a child, many working people who had suffered during the Depression, my mother among them, absolutely worshipped her.

Eleanor Roosevelt took a perpublished one-volume "Eleanor

Roosevelt Encyclopedia," edited by Maurine H. Beasley of the University of Maryland, Holly C. Shulman, and Henry R. Beasley, and published by Greenwood Press. Entries ranging from 'Addams, Jane" to "Zionism" cover every facet of the life of the First Lady, including her controversial, affectionate relationship with Lorena Hickock. These were contributed by scholars in the field, and the book should prove indispensable to Eleanor Roosevelt buffs as well as anyone interested in the history of the New Deal period.

The "Greenbelt Towns" entry was written by Virginia Beauchamp, author and professor emeritus at the University of Maryland, who is a longtime staff member of the Greenbelt News Review. During a conversation some years ago with the encyclopedia's senior author, Beauchamp remarked that Beasley ought to include an entry on the planned towns. Beasley replied, "Fine. Why don't you write it?" So she did.

Visits to Greenbelt

According to Beauchamp's encyclopedia article, Eleanor Roosevelt visited Greenbelt a number of times, often dropping in at the Center School (now the See BEAUCHAMP, page 2

What Goes On

Sat., Feb. 24, 2 p.m. Council Members Chautauqua, Community Center

Mon., Feb. 26, 8 p.m. Regular City Council meeting, Municipal Building

Tue., Feb. 27, 7 p.m. Community Relations Advisory Board meeting, Municipal Building

Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Seeks to Increase Tourism

by Maria Piazzola

representative from Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc. updated the Greenbelt City Council on plans for improving the heritage attractions in Greenbelt and the surrounding areas at the February 12 regular meeting. Patricia Parker, executive director of the Heritage Area, described a detailed plan for the "target investment zones" that the organization will focus on devel-

Parker named eight possible target investment zones, including Greenbelt, College Park and Laurel, the organization plans to enhance as heritage tourist attractions. Improvements would include visitor kiosks, visitor centers and storefront displays. Parker also said that "main street development" in these cities is a priority. If Greenbelt is chosen, "developing a mall market" would be one of the main goals for the city.

The Anacostia Trails Heritage Area consists of the large area bordering Washington, D.C. near Bladensburg and continuing northeast in Prince George's County to the Patuxent River in Laurel. A heritage area describes a region united by a common his-

Anacostia Trails was selected by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority because of its shared history of colonial settlement, agriculture, transportation innovations and small towns. The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority was created in 1996 to aid heritage tourism by finding grants, loans and tax credits for local economic development and capital improvement projects.

Recycling Resolution

A resolution was introduced for first reading that would increase the fee from \$18 to \$20 per year for residents who receive refuse collection from another provider but receive city recycling

Audit Services

Council has decided to conduct a competitive bid for financial auditing services for the fiscal year 2001 audit. For eight years the city has retained the services of McGladrey Pullen, formerly Keller Bruner, and for the last five years has not held a competitive bid.

State Legislation

Six General Assembly bills and one proposed bill were presented for council's consideration. Council agreed to support Senate Bills 77, 149, 39 and 420, which would, respectively, allow counties and municipalities to act as aggregators for the purchase of electricity; give condominium or homeowners associations a lien priority in a foreclosure situation that would ensure they could recover unpaid fees or dues when a property is foreclosed; make it illegal to threaten appointed officials like code and law enforcement personnel; and create a grant program for municipalities, counties and other non-profit groups that conduct pedestrian safety programs.

Council also agreed to support House Bill 406 requiring that private group homes provide written notice to law enforcement agencies and schools as part of the application process; House Bill 691, which would allow municipalities to establish "Arts and Entertainment" districts and provide certain tax benefits to these areas; and a proposed "speed camera" bill that would allow for the use of cameras to take pictures of vehicles committing speeding violations so that citations could be mailed to the vehicles' owners.

New Encyclopedia

sonal interest in the three Greenbelt Towns created during her husband's administration, especially Greenbelt, Maryland. Her relationship with Greenbelt is detailed in an entry in the newly

Point of View

Our Reporter Gets Hooked On the New Deal Café

by Dorothy Sucher

A funny thing happened on the way to the New Deal Café. I got hooked on the place.

First I started hanging around because I had an assignment. "We hear the café may close at the end of the month, go write a story." So I wrote a story, in fact several.

At the end of the month, the café hadn't closed. After a while I noticed I was still hanging around. I liked the place.

Writers do like cafés. Writing is solitary work, and we get lonesome. Also, we're watchers. Our kindergarten teachers sent us home with report cards that said something like: "Johnny is a watcher."

We writers absorb life through our eyes, greedily, and television just won't do. We want life with a capital "L." Call us voyeurs, I don't care. We need material, even if we don't use it. We need to think about it, grind it

We're listeners, too. How do you think Hemingway learned to write dialogue? Cafés were his graduate school.

There's a down-home diner I go to in Vermont sometimes, with third-world prices and a mix of local folks. Sometimes I see David Mamet, the playwright, there. I say hello and then go to my own table. He looks as if he isn't doing anything except waiting for his hamburger, but I know better.

Cafés are sacred spaces where, for the price of a cup of coffee, we can be with other people and yet alone. Conversation is possible, but we don't have to talk if we don't want to. Cafés invite us to satisfy our basic needs for food, drink, rest, and a little sociability.

Rescue Fantasies

The appeal of the New Deal Café for me was somewhat special, though. True, the coffee is good and the French breads are crusty, chewy, toothsome - oh, don't get me started - after all, I'm what someone recently called "weight-impaired." The insidious part was that the café roused my rescue fantasies. Could I do something to help keep it from closing?

I hadn't been planning to get involved. Not at all. My volunteering days were done. I was old enough to take an honorable retirement. But I'd forgotten that volunteering can be a lot of fun. Before I knew it, I was doing a little this and that with this one

and that one.

I wasn't the only volunteer. The café seemed to be bursting with new energy. People kept dropping by and asking how they could help. A fund drive kicked off, to pay down the debt. A benefit concert series was about

Greenbelt Arts Center Presents Henrik Ibsen's Feb. 23 & 24 at 8 pm March 2, 3, 9, 10 at 8 pm Sun. March 4 at 2 p.m. \$10 general admission

\$8 sr cit/student, group rates available

Reservations 301-441-8770

to begin. People started sending checks, and running around copying flyers, and making phone calls. Not to mention taking orders, serving food, and washing dishes.

It was Greenbelt in action a classic case!

I have a hunch the New Deal won't close, if this keeps up.

Who knows? Maybe you could get hooked.

Piano Masterclass Held February 28

André Watts, world-renowned pianist and resident artist at the University of Maryland School of Music leads his first masterclass of the semester on Wednesday, February 28 at 10 a.m. at Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland. The event is free. Call 301-405-7847 for information.

Montpelier Hosts Wood Exhibit

Historic Montpelier Mansion, located at Route 197 and Muirkirk Road, Laurel, will host a free exhibit by the Chesapeake Woodturners from March to March 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. In addition to the exhibit, woodworking demonstrations will be held each Saturday and Sunday.

The exhibit will feature over 50 pieces, including handmade bowls, vases and platters.

For further information, call 301-953-1376; TTY 301-669-2544; www.pgparks.com

Volunteers Needed For Daffodil Days

American Cancer Society's "Daffodil Days" campaign needs volunteers for its annual flower sale, which runs March 11 through March 17.

Proceeds will benefit patient services, cancer research and public education programs funded by the American Cancer Society. Volunteers are needed to help organize daffodil sales at area work places, neighborhoods, schools and community groups. Volunteers are also needed to deliver flower orders during the week of March 11 and to staff

For more information about volunteer opportunities and the American Cancer Society's daffodil campaign, call Gloria Goldman at 301-933-9350, ext.

Letters

THANKS

Over the weekend, our family pet slipped out of the house and became lost. Beau is a large dog, getting on in years and suffering from cancer. We were quite worried that he would be hit by a car. After an hour of searching, we called the Greenbelt police to alert them and to ask that if they spotted him, to give us a call. The officers shared this information to colleagues out on patrol. Shortly after we spoke with the dispatcher, an officer saw Beau, called to him, and telephoned us with his location.

Thank you so very much to the Greenbelt Police Department and the kind officers who watched for Beau. We know how busy our police department is, so it is incredibly reassuring that they were able to keep an eye out for a family pet while conducting their patrols. We always knew Greenbelt was Great. Now we know that Greenbelt Police are Great, too!

> Elaina, Noah, Todd & Beau Perry

Skeptical

How caring! Our local Giant Food store is starting a Diabetes Club for BonusCard members (GNR 2/15).

Giant collects personal information when the BonusCard is applied for, then monitors purchases after that. Think about it for a moment — think about various combinations of purchases you have made and how investigative agencies could draw conclusions about your private life. I have learned of no reason to believe that Giant Food would be more trustworthy than any other handler of our personal information.

Also I have seen another marketing practice that has eroded my trust in Giant Food. They display tobacco products that are at pants pocket level to 6-yearolds. I have seen children steal these products, and have complained to the store about this, but they made no change. Neighboring counties (Howard, Montgomery) have legislation in process to ban such display of tobacco products.

My challenge to Giant is to gain my trust by creating proper display of tobacco products before they are forced by county/ state law to do so. That would suggest trustwortniness to me and might make the BonusCard concept seem slightly safer.

Bill Norwood

BEAUCHAMP

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Greenbelt Community Center). One teacher reminisced, "It was a shock when the door would open and she would appear with her Secret Service escorts."

A plaque on Crescent Road not far from the fire department commemorates one of her visits. Beauchamp writes that in the 1970s, when a new Greenbelt high school was slated to be named for FDR, "citizens petitioned to have it named instead for her." Today Eleanor Roosevelt High School, which emphasizes science and technology, is the largest high school in Maryland.

Clarification

The valuations used for housing comparisons in last week's article by James Giese were assessed valuations for fiscal year 2001. These valuations were still on the old basis of assessments where the values were only about 40% of true value. Newer assessment figures are to be at 100% of true value and Greenbelt property has been reassessed as well. Apartments are valued as commercial property and the valuation is determined based upon income production of the property, not sales value. Also, the valuations provided for Farm Gate actually included all the new free-standing homes on Research and Ridge Roads.

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT 211 EAST 62ND STREET NEW YORK 21, N.Y.

February 25, 1957

Dear Dean Pike:

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd. I will be glad to serve as one of the Vice-Chairmen of the

New York Chapter of the America-Israel Society.

Very sincerely yours,

An Eleanor Roosevelt Signature from a private collection

City Notes

The week of February 12, the horticulture crew removed dead or fallen trees on Hamilton Place, on Northway leading to the ball field, and in the playground at Crescent and Southway. The crew also cleaned landscaped beds in the medians on the Roosevelt High School side of Hanover Parkway and repaired the landscape at the traffic circle on Hanover Park-

The parks crew installed playground safety bars at 44 Court Ridge, 15 Court Laurel Hill, Springhill Lake and Boxwood.

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> Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd. OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

THE CITY OF GREENBELT NEEDS A FEW MORE GOOD PEOPLE

To volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the following:

Advisory Planning Board Arts Advisory Board Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Youth Advisory Committee (youth & adult positions)

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

ACE Hosts Reception For Reading Club

To celebrate the success of the ACE Reading Club and the efforts of the club's young readers, the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) will hold a reception on Tuesday, February 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The reception will be held in the second floor Multipurpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Road.

The ACE Reading Club is one of a number of programs ACE

has undertaken, including award programs to recognize outstanding students & and educators, a buya-book program to help the community support local school libraries and meetings with PTA and school representatives.

The Greenbelt City Council established the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) in 1994 as a community-based advisory committee. Composed of up to nine Greenbelt residents, ACE works to ensure that the schools attended by Greenbelt children are of the highest quality. For information, call Wendy Wexler at 301-345-6660 or Leta Mach at 301-345-8105.

Meet Barbara Dolney At Artist's Reception

Like many people perhaps, artist Barbara Dolney finds that the light, mood, color and atmosphere of a place speak to her soul. Dolney has the ability to convey these aspects of place and their effect on the viewer through pastel. The artist's work is currently featured in a new exhibit at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, entitled Sense of Place, State of Being: Landscapes by Barbara Dolney. On Monday, February 26 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., the public is invited to attend a reception with the artist in the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road.

Perhaps because Dolney's family owned a greenhouse business or perhaps because she spent her summers in the Ozark hill country, Dolney developed an eye which focused on the beauty of rustic places. Looking at her artwork is like taking a walk through the varied and beautiful vistas the artist has seen locally and in her travels. Dolney's rich pastel drawings and paintings capture the changing colors and light that describe the seasons, as they guide the viewer on a tour of beach fronts and gardens, and elegant country settings.

Dolney's work will remain on display until March 23. Exhibit hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, whenever the room is not otherwise in use. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to ensure access: 301-474-8000. This event is sponsored by the Greenbelt Department of Recreation. For more information call Ellen Baer at 301-397-2208.

Fun Events for Kids In Quickie Program

February 13, the Youth Center held a one-hour Kids' Quickie program on Valentine cookie baking. Participants had an opportunity to make, bake and decorate special cookies for their Valentine's Day sweeties, and make Valentine's Day cards. To find out about other upcoming Kids' Quickie programs, call the Youth Center at 301-397-2200.

Community Events

GHI Notes

The Architectural and Environment Committee will meet Febru- Teresa Smithson, of Greenbelt ary 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board CARES, and Wayne Davis,

Members are encouraged to attend. will begin meeting March 1.

At the Library

Tuesday, February 27, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

two-year-olds and parent or ter the salute to the flag, Dolores

E-mail Workshop

Community Center, dining room 2. and cards she received. Mary Camp will demonstrate fea-February 26.

Local Artists Needed For T-shirt Project

Local artists can help the New The theme is "Slay the Dragon. spoke on basic first aid. They dis-Save java for all!" The Dragon tributed literature represents the start-up debt that is on emergencies to be retired this spring. Designs and what to do, must promote the café in a style calling 911 and a that will readily transfer to a qual- first aid supply ity all cotton T-shirt. Deadline for list. The speaksubmissions is Saturday, March 10. Contact café director Earl Kepler at 301-345-2670 or ekepler@aol.com Thomas and Virginia Lammons for more information.

Greenbelt CARES

The week of February 12, guidance counselor, interviewed Board Meetings for March are eighth grade students at Greenbelt scheduled for March 8 and 22 at Middle School for another pre-7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. teen discussion group. The group

Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins

Vice President Nick Pergola Thursday, March 1, 10:15 a.m. presided over the February 14 Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5. meeting. Shep Odom read a 11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for poem by Annette Bennigan. Af-Capotosto led members in singing America the Beautiful.

Betty Petroff, Sunshine chair, Electronic mail (e-mail) is a had no report to give. Ernie major feature of the internet. Varda reported that Daniel Sillers Wednesday, February 28 at 7 p.m., is recovering from eye surgery. the Greenbelt Internet Access Co- He said it was good to see Betty operative (GIAC) will sponsor a Maher at the meeting. She free one-hour class on e-mail at the thanked members for all the calls

Solange Hess reminded memtures and tips on using Microsoft bers that monthly birthday parties Outlook and Netscape Messenger. are celebrated the third Wednes-Everyone is welcome. To reserve day of each month. John Taylor, a copy of the handouts, call Travel chair, reminded members GIAC's voicemail 301-419-8044 by to sign up for the March 22 Timonium dinner theater trip. Taylor also introduced guest John Moody.

> The 50/50 drawing was won by Janet Curtis and Vita Pergola.

The guest speakers from Deal Café fund-raising project by Morningside House of Laurel were submitting a design for a T-shirt. Julie Boone and Doris Ritz, who

ers gave out door

prizes to winners Betty Maher, and Pauline Bordas.

Channel B-10 Schedule Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV

MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000 Monday, February 26 at 8pm City Council "live"

Tuesday & Thursday, February 27 & March 1 6:00pm "Perils for Pedestrians

6:30pm "ACE Reading Program-Springhill Lake Elementary

7:00pm "Replay of Council"

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE) -301-507-6581 Call for Schedule.

Council Members Chautauqua Saturday, February 24, 2001 2:00 p.m. **Greenbelt Community Center**



Join in this informative and educational event. Greenbelt's former and present Council Members will speak about the different challenges they have faced and their accomplishments.

A reception will follow the discussion.

This is a Greenbelt Millennium Passport Event!



Explorations Topic Courts and Politics

The judicial branch of government was originally constructed to insulate judges from ordinary politics, so that they could consider conflicts and reach decisions on the basis of legal principle. At times it may be difficult to distinguish clearly between politics and law, as the political events and court-centered activities in the aftermath of the last presidential election demonstrate.

Come hear Dr. Wayne Macintosh from the University of Maryland as he discusses this issue at "Explorations Unlimited" on Friday, March 2 in the Greenbelt Community Center senior classroom. "Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Arts Center Opens With "Ghosts" Friday

by Heather Martin

An air of despair has settled over the Greenbelt Arts Center, an air of pensive tragedy and "Ghosts." Opening February 23 and running to March 10, the Greenbelt Arts Center will be producing Henrik Ibsen's classic play "Ghosts" on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. There will be a Sunday matinee March

Directed by Steven Cox and produced by Laurie Hardman, the play deals with depravity in its most brutal form disguised with a veneer of civility. It is a play of manipulation and endless plotting. But who is trapping whom? And how? What are the real traps in this civilized environment?

The cast is small and features Sheilah Crossley-Cox as the widowed Mrs. Alving; Bill Hardy as her son, Oswald; Dan Juran as Pastor Manders; Patricia Penn as the house maid, Regina; and Bob Kleinberg as Jacob Engstrand, Regina's father.

The play deals with mature subject matter and is not appropriate for small children.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

Municipal Building Council Room February 26, 2001 Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

I. ORGANIZATION

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4. Consent Agenda Approval of Staff Recommendations (The consent agenda comprises those items marked by an asterisk [*], subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval.)
- 5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- 6. Presentations
- 7. Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council.)

- 8. Minutes of Meetings
- 9. Administrative Reports
- * 10. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

- 11. A Resolution to Amend Resolution Number 894 and to Establish New Service Charges for Recycling Collections in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, Effective January 1, 2001 (2nd Reading, Adoption)
- 12. A Resolution for Negotiated Purchase with Tate Engineering of Baltimore, Maryland, for a Petro-Vend K-800 Fuel Management System, in the Sum of \$12,530 (1st Reading)

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- 13. Greenbelt Astronomy Club Observatory Building
- 14. State Legislation
- 15. Award of Bid Purchase of Passenger and Cargo Vans
- * 16. Resignation from Advisory Group

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

> Check out the Greenbelt Citylink Web site at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us

> > Kathleen Gallagher City Clerk

OBITUARY

Phyllis Lee Wright

Phyllis Lee Wright of Greenbelt died Saturday, February, 17, 2001.

She is survived by a son, Charles R. Wright, Jr., daughters Deborah Lee and Laura Lynn, five grandchildren, four-great grandchildren, and her former husband, Charles R. Wright, Sr.

Services were held Thursday morning, February 22 at Gash's Funeral Home. Interment was in Ft. Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood.

Pancake Dinner At Holy Cross

Holy Cross Lutheran Church will hold an "Evening of Mardi Gras" at the church Tuesday, February 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The pancake dinner, accompanied by entertainment throughout the evening, is sponsored by the music ministry of Holy Cross church. There is a fee. For information call 301-345-5111 or 301-474-

UM Wind Ensemble To Hold Concert

The University of Maryland Wind Ensemble will perform in concert Tuesday, February 27 at 8 p.m. The free concert will be held at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center Concert Hall. For more information, call 301-405-7847.

A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

The very first signs of upcoming spring can now be seen. Near the post office a row of shrubs are in bloom. They are a witch hazel variety called "Arnold's Promise." The flowering cherry trees between the Coop supermarket and the dry cleaners are blooming. This variety, "autumnalis," blooms in the fall and the spring. It does not have much need for the chilling effect of winter that many flowering plants require.

These plants show that in planning the garden, a few early blooming plants placed in the yard can really add life to the dull late winter days.

Also early crocuses (species) and snowdrops are beginning to bloom

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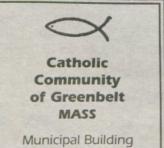
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10 A.M.

Boys and Girls Club News in Greenbelt

by Coach Doug Mangum

This week in intramurals basketball we celebrate the achievements of our student athletes in the classroom as well as the gymnasium.

Terps making straight As were Sean Flanagan, and Vin and Vig Sachidananda. Other Terps making their school's honor rolls are Alexandra Cole, Marcus Coker and Jacob Beckelman. For the Fireballs, Stanley Murphy made good citizen. For the Eagles, William Foerter and Jacob Silver achieved straight As, James Paramore made the B honor roll, and Jace Rathell, citizenship. For the Lakers, Coach Keith's daughter Oniesha Shinault reached the straight A level -"you go, girl!" As for the Manticores, they are represented on the straight A list by Sequoia Austin, and the honor roll by Evan Olsen.

Balancing their school work alongside their athletic endeavors is a tremendous skill which will pay off as these student athletes prepare themselves for future academic/athletic accomplishments. This is not easy and is not done solely by themselves! Therefore we must also recognize the accomplishments of their parents, teachers, coaches and everyone else who encourages these young people to push themselves to achieve the highest level of success.

Sports can be an excellent tool for goal setting. I believe sports and academics go hand in hand in developing youngsters' minds and bodies, as well as team work, discipline and a sense of worth and value. The moment a player scores a first basket, he or she immediately elevates to a new level. As the old truism holds, success breeds success. So I issue a challenge to those players who came up a little short to try to make your school's honor roll this quarter ... and for those who made citizenship, B honor roll or straight A honor roll to continue to do it.

Remember, success is built on consistency.

Games

The intramural basketball season completes its last games on Wednesday, February 28, with the Lakers contesting the Eagles at 6 p.m. and the Fireballs challenging the Manticores at 7:15 p.m.

The league's play-off tournament will begin on Friday, March 2 at 6:45 p.m. Squaring off in the first round will be the Eagles and Fireballs, and the Terps and The questions on everybody's mind will be "Can Carl Meakes III do it a third time?" Can the Terps score 4 points in 5 seconds? And can anybody stop the Manticores three S's (Shane, Sam, Sequoia)?

The answers will be provided from March 2 to 17 in the form of a double elimination play-off tournament dubbed E.I.B. (Extreme Intramural Basketball). Come see our community's shooters and scholars at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

Energy Costs Help

Consumer Guidance has established a grant fund to help people who are having financial problems because of high energy costs. This grant program is funded by private donations from corporations and private citizens who receive a tax exemption because of the organizations 501(c)3 non-profit status granted by the Internal Revenue Service.

Consumers can receive a free grant application and more information about other financial help by calling 202-595-1035 or by visiting Consumer Guidance's Internet web site: www.ConsumerGuidance.org.

Corporations or individuals who wish to contribute to Consumer Guidance's Energy Help Grant Program can send tax deductible contributions to: Consumer Guidance, P.O. Box 96051, Washington, DC 20090-

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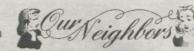
MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m. Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m. Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate Part Time Ministry

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Condolences to Bob and Mimi Shade and daughters Savanah and Miranda, of Plateau Place and Greenbelt Video, on the recent death of Bob's mother, Jean Shade Hyattsville.

Congratulations Greenbelters receiving degrees and academic honors

Benjamin Skolnik of Ridge Road was named to the Dean's list for the fall semester at Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts.

Nelson Leslie Reginald of Morrison Drive has received a Ph.D. degree from the University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware.

Shannon L. Rogers is among magna cum laude recipients of the bachelor of science degree from Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Her degree is in psychology.

Marcela Smid of Mandan Road received Dean's high honors from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, for the fall 2000 semester.

Baha'i Faith

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-Baha'i Sacred Writings

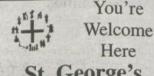
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Brookside Gardens Featured at Meeting

For the February 28 meeting of the Beltsville Garden Club, Phil Normandy will speak on the history of the plant introduction program at Brookside Gardens, describe the processes used to evaluate the plants collected during several trips to Japan and Korea, and then talk about the results of the program. He will show slides of the most successful introductions. Normandy is the plant collections manager at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, where he has responsibility for supervising garden maintenance and developing permanent plant collections.

The Beltsville Garden Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Duckworth School at 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville. (Evans Trail is the first street to the left, at the blinking yellow light, west of Interstate 95, off Powder Mill Road.) Refreshments and door prizes will follow the meeting. Admission is free and the public is invited. For more information call 301-384-2415.



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Glass Club Features Depression Glass

The DelMarVa Depression Glass Club presents their Spring Show and Sale on Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Duval High School, 9880 Good Luck Road, Lanham. The Spring Show and Sale will have 22 dealers specializing in all depression-era glass, china and pottery. The Club will present a special display of Fostoria glassware. There is a fee. For more information call 301-565-2361.

PGCC to Offer Dentistry Courses

Prince George's Community College department of continuing education will offer various courses in Dental Assisting beginning in March. Classes will be held in Greenbelt and hearby. Enrollment is limited. Call 301-322-0795 for more information.

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Program for Teens With Disabilities

Young people with disabilities are encouraged to apply for a program that promotes leadership and independence. The Maryland Youth Leadership Forum brings together high school juniors and seniors throughout Maryland who have all types of disabilities, including physical, learning and sensory disabilities.

Students who are accepted into the program will attend a four-day session at Bowie State University in July. They will learn from successful adults with disabilities, be matched with mentors, spend a day in the State Capitol and participate in activities designed to develop self-confidence and team-building.

Sponsors of the Maryland Youth Leadership Forum include the Maryland State Department of Education and the Governor's Office for Individuals with Disabilities and Independence Now. For more information and an application call: Cathy Raggio at 301-277-2839.



Two photographs that appear in this issue show early scenes of what is now the Mobil Gas Station on Crescent Road, opposite Gardenway. The gas station was built by the federal government in 1937 as part of the services provided to Greenbelt's earliest residents. The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the City of Greenbelt recently dedicated seven walking tour panels through-

out the city which explain the significance of many of Greenbelt's historic sites like the gas station. The panels were funded by a grant from Preservation Maryland/Maryland Historical Trust to encourage heritage tourism throughout the state. The City of Greenbelt and FOGM also supported the project.

- photos from the Greenbelt Museum Collection

Guys and Dolls Date of At Publick Playhouse

"Guys and Dolls" is a musical fable of Broadway based on a story and characters of Damon Runyan. Follow the adventures of two very different couples, one wonderfully romantic and the other lovably goofy, in this musical comedy set in New York's 1940s world of gangsters, gamblers and sinners.

"Guys and Dolls" is at the Prince George's Publick Playshouse in Cheverly. Performances will be on March 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 & 31 at 8 p.m. and March 18 and 25 at 2 p.m. There is a fee. For information call 301-277-1710 or TDD 301-277-0312.

Diabetes Group To Meet in Laurel

Diabetes Support and Education Group meetings will be held the last Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Laurel Regional Hospital, and are free for the community. Control diabetes by sharing recipes, stories, and tips for every day life. A different topic will be presented every month.

To register in this support group contact Wendy Bayless at 301-617-8636

Healthcare Students Offered Scholarships

The 8118 Volunteer Association of Doctors Community Hospital is offering \$1,000 scholarships to individuals pursuing a career in healthcare. Applicants must be graduating seniors from high school, college students, or a person currently working in a healthcare field; be a United States citizen and resident of Prince George's County; maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Scholarship program applications may be obtained by calling 301-552-8108. Deadline for submissions is April 15. Scholarship recipients will be selected before June F by the Scholarship Awards Committee.

Doctors Community Hospital is a family-centered, non-profit, health-are organization serving the health-related needs of Prince George's County and the surrounding areas.

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The next presentations are scheduled as follows:

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Please call the receptionist at (301) 474-4161 for reservations and information. The sessions are free, and there is no obligation. There are lists of "Homes for Sale" at the GHI office. There is no charge.

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Where: Greenbelt Community Center

Multipurpose Room

When: Saturday, February 24, 2001 at 2 p.m.

Who: Anyone that has an interest in Greenbelt's

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Shooting

9100 block of Springhill Lane, Feb. 10, 12:25 a.m., two people were approached by two men, one armed with a handgun. The men robbed the people and the man with the gun fired several shots, striking both people. The assailants then fled. Both victims were transported to a hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening

Strong-Arm Robbery

Wendy's at Greenway Center, Feb. 11, 11:49 a.m., a man inside the restaurant was approached by a young man who at first asked him for directions and then demanded his car keys. The young man concealed his hands in his pockets as though he had a weapon. The victim then went to the cashier, who called police. The suspect fled and was seen entering a Dodge Neon four-door in the parking lot. The vehicle left the area in an unknown direction. The suspect is described as black, 17 to 23 years of age, 5'8", with a thin build, a mustache and goatee, black hair, and brown eyes; he was wearing a blue or black letter-style leather jacket, a grey hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, and purple and silver tennis shoes.

6900 block of Hanover Parkway, Feb. 13, 10:15 p.m., a mall was removing items from his vehicle when he was approached by three men. One grabbed him around the neck as the two others went through his pockets, taking his wallet. The victim struggled with the robbers and was punched in the face. The robbers then fled the scene. The

victim was transported to a hospital for injuries to his nose.

Burglary and Theft

6100 block of Breezewood Court, Feb. 11, 3:19 p.m., someone attempted to force open the sliding glass door. Entry was

CVS in the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road, Feb. 13, 7:30 a.m., an unattended cellular telephone was taken.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Feb. 13, 11:37 a.m., a 16-year-old and a 15-year-old were arrested for theft. The nonresident youths were found to be in possession of property stolen from several lockers at the school. The youths were released to the school pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

7800 block of Walker Drive, Feb. 14, 8:03 a.m., several laptop computers were taken.

9200 block of Edmonston Road, Feb. 15, 6:49 a.m., someone attempted to enter a residence by prying off a screen. Entry was not gained.

100 block of Greendale Place, Feb. 15, 10:01 a.m., a

Juried Art Show at Montpelier

The Montpelier Cultural Arts Center will present the Laurel Art Guild's 32nd Annual Juried Art Exhibition in the Main Gallery. The exhibit will run from March 4 through 28, with a re-

checkbook and cash were taken.

Safeway in Greenway Center, Feb. 15, 2 p.m., an unattended purse was taken.

Vandalism

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, Feb. 15, 7:40 p.m., a window was broken out.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a light blue four door 1989 Nissan Sentra with 兼 黎 Maryland tags DNJ 746, Feb. 11, from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace; a white two-door 1987 Honda Accord with unknown Maryland temporary tags, Feb. 11, from the area of Edmonston Court and Edmonston Road; and a white four-door 1994 Honda Accord * with Maryland tags HWE 878, Feb. 14, from the 5900 block of, Cherrywood Terrace.

Vandalisms to and thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 16 and 54 courts of Ridge Road, I court of Hillside Road, 100 block of Westway, 7700 block of Greenbelt Road, and 9200 block of Edmonston Road.

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ception to honor the participating artists on March 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. The Montpelier Cultural Arts Center's galleries are open from 10 a,m. to 5 p.m., seven days per week. The exhibit juror, Fritz Briggs, professor at the Schuler School of Art, will give a gallery talk during the reception.

The Laurel Art Guild invites any artist who is over 18 years of age to enter the exhibition. Work must be original and executed in acrylic, oil, collage,

mixed media, pastel, pencil, pen and ink, or photography. Wallmounted sculpture will also be considered. Work must not exceed 36 inches in width and 48 inches in height, and must be suitably framed and securely wired for hanging. Entries will be received at the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center on February 28 from noon to 2 p.m. or from 6 to 8 p.m. To receive a prospectus with complete entry instructions call Gail Zinar, chairperson of the Laurel Art Guild Annual Juried Exhibit at 301-953-7869.

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original five-year lease was due to expire on June 1 and council authorized the city manager to agree to an additional five-year

Council agreed to waive the facility rental fees of the Youth Center and the Aquatic and Fitness Center on May 30 for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Grad Night Celebration.

Council reappointed several people to advisory groups: James Inzeo to Advisory Committee on Education, Virginia Zanner to Arts Advisory Board, and Mary Helen Spear to Community Relations Advisory Board. Mary Crellin was appointed to the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee. Edward Hickey was appointed to the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Council selected Greenbelt's representatives to the I-95/I-495 Metro Access Focus Group: Mayor Judith Davis, Joe Wilkinson (longtime member of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board), and Doug Love (longtime local environmentalist). This State Highway Administration focus group will study issues pertaining to a proposed on/off ramp of the Beltway to serve the proposed development by the Greenbelt Metro Station.

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club asked for the city's assistance in transporting and storing or setting up a small observatory building. Montgomery College has offered to donate the building, but the club needs help moving it. Council agreed to look into the matter and referred it to its advisory boards for study.





Classes in Ceramics, **Silk Painting Begin**

March classes in ceramics and silk painting will be offered during weekdays at the Greenbelt Community Center by the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA). The classes are open to adults or

"Introduction to Clay" meets Mondays, March 5 to 26 (four weeks) from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the ceramic studios. This hands-on course explores hand building techniques and the pottery wheel. Diana Manchak, GAVA's new ceramic studio manager, will be the instructor.

"Beginners Silk Painting Workshop" takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 6 and 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Adult Art Room. The instructor, Diane Tuckman, is a nationally-known leader in silk painting who lives in Prince George's County.

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African-American history program will be presented by children from Springhill Lake Elementary School on Friday, March 2, 7 p.m., at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

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"Intermediate Silk Painting" takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 12 and 14, also from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone taking the Beginners Silk Painting Workshop or who previously took a silk painting class is welcome to join Tuckman in continuing to explore the medium.

For more information, call Barbara Simon at 301-474-2192.

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The two local bands that played at Saturday night's New Deal concert helped fill the gym with their -photo by Pam Lambird young followers.

New Deal Benefit Attracts Enthusiastic Crowd

by Susan G. Parker

The grandparents admitted that they looked a little incongruous listening to an edgy young rock band blast high decibel songs on Saturday night. "Where's Guy Lombardo?" one joked. But they were there to see their grandson, who was in a band scheduled to play a little later in the evening. The fundraiser for the New Deal Café, called "Slay the Dragon," attracted an eclectic crowd, from grandparents of band members, to teenagers who had heard about a rock concert, and others who just wanted the New Deal Café to stay open.

More than 100 people came to the benefit concert held at the Community Center gym, which netted \$351 after expenses. The fundraiser was the first in a series of concerts according to emcee Stan Brown. The Café has amassed considerable debt since it opened in Roosevelt Center last April and its existence has become precarious.

"You've probably read articles in the paper that the Café has been having some growing pains," Brown told the audience between sets. "But the response to the New Deal has been so fantastic that we plan to have it around for a long time to come."

Volunteers did their best to give the community gym a café atmosphere. Candles at each table provided dim lighting. Exercise mats lay on the floor for fans who wanted to be closer to the stage. Homemade cookies, sodas and coffee sold quickly.

A new mountain bike was raffled off at the end of the evening. Conflicting information about the time and price of the concert may have kept some people away, but organizers were pleased with the turnout.

Among those attending were Maria Fuentes, owner of Maria's Beauty Shop in Roosevelt Center, her husband Roddy and friends and co-workers. "We had to be here, honey, because we want the Café to stay open," Fuentes said. "I like its set-up with all the goodies there. We need something like this in Greenbelt as a gathering place, as a convenience. The location is perfect. It's nice for our senior citizens. They can have a cup of coffee and sit for hours.'

Three Bands

The opening act of the night was Blackout, a young and enthusiastic rock band that has been together for five years.

With shades of Alanis Morissette, the band belted out tunes full of fury and feeling. Lead singer Rachel McMullin said she screams into a microphone instead of screaming at people who upset her.

The band was happy to play at the benefit concert, McMullin

"The café has been really good to me and our band," she said. "They've helped us out and given us a place to play."

Next up was Liquid Solid, described by band member Chris Helms as "dashboard-pounding rock and roll." The band members met at the Corcoran School of Art and have devoted themselves full time to their music career ever since. After their set (and after many in the crowd drifted over to the New Deal Café to hear singer Michelle Swan), the headliners, Guys in Ties, came on.

The nine-member band — all but one are students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School — had everyone up and dancing to a mixture of reggae, blues and oldfashioned rock and roll covers. The 16-song set included the crowd pleasers "I Shot the Sheriff" and "Hard to Handle." Joe

Pugliese, who handled lead guitar and vocals, and Ben Kepler, who if the Café didn't continue to played a horn solo and sang, have happen," Downs said. "It's been written music together for six years and performed at the Greenbelt New Year's Eve celebrations.

Music from bands like Guys in Ties is what makes Paul Downs so anxious to see the Café continue. A 40-year resident of Greenbelt, Downs volunteers at the Café every Friday night, washing dishes, taking orders, cleaning tables and "clapping wildly for anyone who comes and plays."

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